

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1 - 6 were pending; Claims 1 and 4 - 6 were rejected, and Claims 2 and 3 were objected to in the present Office action. Claim 1 has been cancelled; Claims 2 - 6 have been amended; new Claims 7-9 have been introduced. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.


Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 3 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to obviate the objections, Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of now cancelled Claim 1. Claims 4-6 have been amended to depend on now allowable Claim 2, and new Claims 7-9 have been introduced, dependent on now allowable Claim 3.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments have placed Claims 2-9 in condition for allowance and respectfully request that a notice of allowance promptly issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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